## **DEFINITIONS**

**SLT** is an abbreviation for smokeless tobacco.

**Current** cigarette, smokeless tobacco, cigar/cigarillos, and pipe users were defined as students who reported product use on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

**Frequent** cigarette use was defined as smoking cigarettes on 20 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

**Ever users** of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or cigars/cigarillos were defined as students who had ever smoked (even one or two puffs) and used any of these tobacco products.

**Any current tobacco use** was defined as use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and cigars/cigarillos on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

**Any tobacco use** includes current use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars/cigarillos, or pipe. Students currently using more than one form of tobacco are counted only once in the calculation. Thus, the rate for "any tobacco use" will be lower than if the individual rates for cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigar, and pipe were totaled.

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